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SUMMARY: THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE EMBASSY'S FORTH-  
RIGHT ANALYSIS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B, MOST OF WHICH CON-  
FIRMS OUR BELIEF THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH  
MUST BE OVERCOME TO MAKE OUR ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IN  
THAILAND EFFECTIVE. AS INITIAL MEASURES IN COMING TO  
GRIPS WITH THESE PROBLEMS, WE ENDORSE THE ACTIONS PRO-  
POSED BY THE EMBASSY IN REFTEL B. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DEPARTMENT SHARES GENERALLY THE EMBASSY'S BASIC  
PERCEPTION OF THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN THAILAND AND THE  
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EFFECTIVENESS OF THAI PERFORMANCE IN THIS FIELD AS EX-

PRESSED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL B. IT IS LARGELY FOR THE REASONS DESCRIBED THEREIN, ESPECIALLY IN SUB-PARAS 2E, 2F, 3A, AND 3B, THAT WE HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN THAI ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS AND THE REALISTIC CHANCES OF THEIR BEING SUCCESSFUL. WE WOULD, IN ADDITION, WELCOME COMMENT UPON 1) THE ALLEGED "DISAPPEARANCE" FROM RTG CUSTODY OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF SEIZED DRUGS WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN

RECYCLED IN THE ILLICIT MARKET, AND 2) THE POSSIBILITY OF ENCOURAGING AT LEAST SOME THAI-BURMESE COOPERATION AGAINST GOLDEN TRIANGLE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS (ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT POLITICAL FACTORS HAVE MADE AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO MAKE SUCH COOPERATION DIFFICULT TO PROMOTE).

2. THE PROBLEM OF HELICOPTERS REQUIRES SPECIAL MENTION, LARGELY BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO PERCEIVE DESIRABLE "FIRST GENERATION RESULTS" FROM THOSE AIRCRAFT ALREADY DELIVERED. WHAT IS CLEARLY DISCERNIBLE IS A PATTERN OF BOTH MISUSE AND UNDERUSE OF THOSE ITEMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE A JOINT USG-THAI EVALUATION REFERRED TO IN SUB PARA 5C OF REFTEL B WOULD BE DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME. RATHER AS A PRELIMINARY STEP WE PLAN TO SEND A SMALL INTERAGENCY TEAM THAT CAN CARRY OUT AN ON THE SITE SURVEY OF CCINC PROGRAMS. ONCE WE HAVE THIS TEAM REPORT ON HAND WITH MISSION COMMENTS, WE CAN THEN DISCUSS FUTURE STEPS PROBABLY INCLUDING JOINT EVALUATION YOU SUGGEST. (SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW ON TIMING OF TEAM AND ITS COMPOSITION).

3. GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED BY THE EMBASSY, THE DEPARTMENT GENERALLY CONCURS IN THE THOUGHTFUL COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL B. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, RESERVE JUDGEMENT ON PROPOSAL 5E. THE EMBASSY SHOULD CLOSELY COORDINATE WITH, AND FULLY INFORM, THE DEPARTMENT AS IT PROCEEDS WITH EACH STEP OF THE COURSE PROPOSED IN PARA 5.

4. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED PANGKOK 2194. WE ARE PLEASED AT YOUR MEETING WITH KHUKRIT, AND WILL COMMENT FURTHER

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BY SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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